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SUMMARY (CLASSIFIED): RETEL REQUESTS "FULLEST INFORMATION"
CONCERNING WFP ASSISTANCE REPORTED FROM LUSAKA. ACTUALLY
THE LUSAKA MESSAGE IS QUITE COMPLETE. THERE MAY BE SOME
DIFFERENCES IN NUANCE IN MATERIAL PROVIDED BELOW, BUT WFP
HEADQUARTERS INTERPRETATIONS TO FIT THEIR CHARTER ARE NO
NECESSARILY MORE ACCURATE. IN POLITICAL TERMS THE WFP
UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE OAU SUMMIT BLESSING WOULD EXTEND
TO ZANU AS WELL AS ZAPU, BUT WAS QUITE AMBIVALENT WITH REGARD
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TO OTHERS. THESIS THUS FAR WOULD SEEM TO BE THAT, AS LONG
AS THE HOST GOVERNMENT AND THE OAU ENDORSE A REQUEST,
IT CAN COME FROM ANY OF THE RECOGNIZED GROUPS AND
WOULD BE TREATED IN SAME FASHION. ZANU RECENTLY HAS
EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN ASSISTANCE. IN VIEW OF
SIMILARITIES, RECENT APPROVAL FOR A SWAPO ACTIVITY
ALSO IS INCLUDED IN THIS MESSAGE. (END CLASSIFIED)

1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED). ON REQUEST FROM THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT ENDORSED BY THE OAU AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA, WFP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UNDER HIS DELEGATED AUTHORITY HAS APPROVED PROJECT ZAMBIA 2411 Q ASSISTANCE TO DISPLACED ZIMBABWIANS (PATRIOTIC FRONT) FOR ROUGHLY \$900,000 FOOD COST AND \$1.4 MILLION TOTAL COST TO WFP. THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING IS UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH ZAPU VIA CABLE. PLAN IS FOR WFP TO DELIVER TO LUSAKA WHERE ZAPU WILL PICK UP AND DISTRIBUTE. APPROVAL IS FOR 12,000 DISPLACED PERSONS IN CAMPS, OF WHICH 3,000 CHILDREN IN CAMP SCHOOLS. DURATION ONE YEAR. COMMODITIES ARE MAIZE MEAL (MAIZE MAY BE WSUBSTITUTED DEPENDING ON SOURCES OF SUPPLY, COSTS, ETC.), PULSES DSM (ONLY FOR THE SHCOOL CHILDREN), VEGETABLE OIL AND CANNED MEAT OR FISH. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THOUGH NOT YET DETERMINED THAT THE U.S. MAY BE ASKED TO SUPPLY MAIZE MEAL.

2. BACKGROUND: AN EARLIER REQUEST FOR THE 3,000 ACTED ON WHEN FAO/DG RECEIVED REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR 9,000 DISPLACED PERSONS IN CAMPS. IT WAS DECIDED TO COMBINE THE PROPOSALS AND APPROVE ONE QUICK ACTION PROJECT.

3. PROJECT ZAMBIA 2402 Q NAMIBIAN DISPLACED PERSONS
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(SWAPO SETTLEMENT) HAS BEEN APPROVED, FOOD COST ESTIMATED \$140,000 TOTAL WFP COST \$253,000. DURATION ONE YEAR. PERSONS IN SETTLEMENT (WESTERN ZAMBIA) TO BE FED TOTAL 2,000 OF WHICH 1,150 CHILDREN. MAIZE MEAL, PULSES, DSM, VEGETABLE OIL, CANNED MEAT OR FISH. LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BEING NEGOTIATED WITH SWAPO. EXPECT TO DELIVER FOOD TO LUSAKA WHERE IT WOULD BE TAKEN OVER BY SWAPO. (END UNCLASSIFIED).

4. (BEGIN CLASSIFIED). BACKGROUND: EARLIER CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING ASSISTANCE TO THE NAMIBIA INSTITUTE AND THE SWAPO CAMP IN WESTERN ZAMBIA REPORTED TO COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS--THREE NOW SUPERCEDED BY THIS ACTION. NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE INSTITUTE WILL BENEFIT, BUT FEELING IS PROBABLY NOT, SINCE SWAPO SEEMED DISINTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED, IN IT, POSSIBLY BECAUSE IT IS SO SMALL.

5. COMMENT: (A) UNDERSTAND THAT A "STRONG FEELER" HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN RECENT DAYS FROM ZANU REPRESENTATIVES. NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR WHETHER, IF THERE IS A FORMAL REQUEST, IT WILL INVOLVE MOZAMBIQUE ONLY OR

ALSO PEOPLE IN ZAMBIA. (B) UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT UNHCR HAS BEEN HELPING IN THREE SETTLEMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE (SOME 32,000 PEOPLE) AND THAT WFP MAY WELL TAKE UP WHERE UNHCR LEAVES OFF. RECENT VISITORS HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN ANOTHER TWO CAMPS WITH ABOUT 18,000 PEOPLE. (C) WFP ROLE IN GENERAL, UNDER THE UN GUIDANCE, BOILS DOWN TO A POSITION THAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE HELPFUL PROVIDING OAU ENDORSES THE ACTIVITY, AS DOES THE GOVERNMENT IN THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE DISPLACED PERSONS ARE LOCATED AND THAT PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO CARRY OUT THE ASSISTANCE. THUS IN BOTH MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA THE CONTROL POINT WOULD SEEM TO BE THE GOVERNMENT. WFP WOULD LIKE TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATIONS OF A CHOICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMONG GROUPS OR MOVEMENTS AND WHAT THEY EVENTUALLY DO IS RESPOND TO A REQUEST PROCESSED AS ABOVE. (D) THE LEAD FIELD AGENT IS THE UNDP RES REP IN LUSAKA (ALTHOUGH REQUESTS CAN BE FUNNELLED BY ANY COUNTRY THROUGH THE REGULAR REPRESENTATION). THEREFORE IT SHOULD BE EXPECTED THAT THE RES REP IS FULLY INFORMED. WFP STAFF SAY THE REQUESTS COME THROUGH HIM. (E) THE OAU/GOZ ENDORSEMENT FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT PROJECT IS ONLY FOR FOUR MONTHS BUT WFP ASSUMES IT WILL BE EXTENDED TO ONE YEAR BEFORE THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING IS COMPLETED (END CLASSIFIED). HOLMES

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